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1. A rumor circulated among prisoners in Soviet forced labor camps that the Soviet Government intended to close all labor camps by 1956 and that the majority of prisoners would be released and sent home. Prisoners who for various reasons could not be released would be held in prison.
2. The following camps were closed in 1954: Saran Stroy and Karaganda in July and Aktas (N 48-02, E 66-21) in summer.¹
3. A small repatriation camp for foreigners, which held approximately 43 persons, was located one to two miles north of Bykovo Airport (N 55-37, E 38-03), 40 kilometers from Moscow. During the period 20-29 August 1955, there were mostly Germans and French in the camp, but there were also three or five Americans waiting to be released. One of them was called Jones (fnu) by the guard.

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1. Comment: Saran Stroy is presumably at Saran, 12 miles south of Karaganda.

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